(b) whether it is a fact that the said loan is negligible as far as Banka, Bhagalpur and Godda is concerned as unemployed persons do not avail themsevles of such loan mainly because of commission demanded by the concerned bank officials;

(c) whetherGovernment have received any complaint in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) The statement giving the amount of loan-provided in Banka, Bhagalpur and Godda districts in Bihar under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana during 1996-97 and 1997-98 is given in the Statement, *(see* below)

(b) to (d) Though the targets allocated to these districts have not been achieved fully, yet the amount disbursed is not negligible as seen from the Statement. No specific complaint of commission demanded by the bank officials has been received. However, the State Govt, is taking up the matter with the banks and the respective DICs.

Statement

Loan Disbursed by Banks under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana As reported by Govt, of Bihar

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Banka			Bhagalpur			Godda		
	Target	Loan disbursed by banks		Target	Loan disbursed by banks		Target	Loan disbursed by banks	
	(Nos.)	(Nos.)	Amount	(Nos.)	(Nos.)	Amount	(Nos.)	(Nos.)	Amount
1996-97	225	122	82.06	625	310	198.95	200	138	103.18
1997-98*	218	72	49.99	607	264	193.13	194	72	51.02

* Disbursement for the case sanctioned during 1997-98 is still continuing.

Meeting of Prime Minister with CH

56. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the action plan emerged out of the recent meeting of the Prime Minister with the Confederation of Indian Industry; and

(b) the time-frame set for clearance of proposals on foreign direct investment?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY(SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Government interaction with trade and industry is a continuous and ongoing process. Keeping in view the feedback received from them, policy interventions are made from time to time.

(b) As per extant guidelines, Foreign Investment Promotion Boad (FIPB) is required to ensure that as far as possible, the Government's decision on a Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposal is communicated to the applicant within six weeks. FIPB is making all efforts to adhere to the time frame, and further improve on it.

Facilitation Councils for SSIs

57. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr Government had recently asked the State Governments to set up Facilitation Councils for removing/solving the woes of Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, the background of such a decision;

(c) whether all State Governments have complied with Government directive in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of cases received by such Councils and the cases disposed of, so far State-wise; and

(0 what precise efforts Government have made to provide effective marketing support services for SSI units which are facing problems due to delayed payment?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Yes, Sir.